

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Frederick D. Baron *FDB*

SUBJECT: Letelier Bombing Case

TO: File

Present: Attorney General Bell, Ben Civiletti, Richard Thornburgh, Jim Adams, Robert Keuch, Mike Kelly, Frederick Baron, Eugene Proper (Assistant U.S. Attorney)

Proper: It looks like a political killing. FBI source in Cuban exile group (2502 Brigade) in Miami named 4 Cubans who set it up at the behest of DINA.

Admiral MacIntyre in Chilean embassy met with one of the Cubans, who said it was to discuss assassination. The Chilean naval attache denied this to the FBI.

Bill Moyers interviewed someone in Cuba who identified the killers. One was the FBI source. He corroborates the FBI's source.

Saul Landau was Moyers' technical assistant.

Questions Pending:

1. Can we talk to someone in Cuba on neutral ground?
2. Chilean embassy: Proper met with Acting Ambassador who said they would assist the FBI. We want to give a lie detector test to the Admiral in the embassy. Ambassador didn't see much of a problem and if U.S. Attorney writes him, he will forward the request to his government.

AG: I don't think we can do this to a foreign diplomat without State Department clearance.



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Adams: Problem is that Venezuelans can then ask

Proper: Cuban source said 2506 Brigade organized the killing. We've corroborated this through some circumstances of hotel records and embassy records showing meeting with Admiral in embassy. So far no corroboration or direct evidence that these meetings concerned the assassination.

Civiletti: The lie detector test isn't worth the problems it will create diplomatically.
(1) Pursue Cuban source
(2) Pressure informally on the Admiral, without going through diplomatic channels.

AG: I agree.

Civiletti: Now we have no basis to indict the Cubans.

Proper: The 2 killers didn't come to Washington. 4 other people came to meet with the Admiral. Their stories are consistent with the Admirals about the meeting. Only the source differs about the nature of what was discovered.

AG: Would the source testify?

Adams: We'd have to get immunity. But we hope not to expose our source, who is extremely valuable for CI purposes.

Proper: Unlikely that any of the witnesses will be cracked; they are professional witnesses.

A man arrested in Venezuela accused of bombing the Cubana airlines. We've been trying to get him to come here to talk about this case. He won't come. We could go there (myself as an agent).

AG: O.K. Go down there or do what you can to get someone to look at the material.